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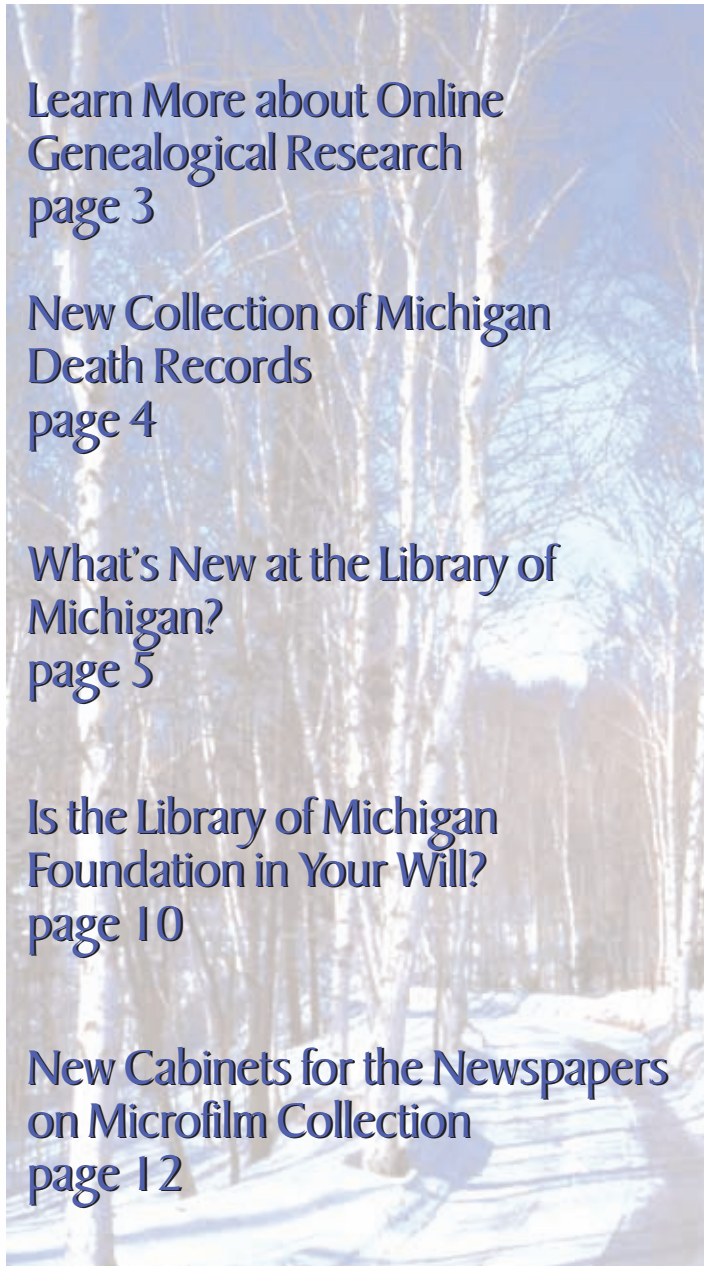
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As another year comes to a close, I can't help but look back and be proud of all of the accomplishments made by the Library of Michigan's dedicated staff. More and more "good" things have been added to the collection, attendance at our workshops is up and our staff continues to go the extra mile to assist patrons with their research. I am also excited about the new year and all of the challenges and opportunities that it presents each and every one of us. Spending time with family members over the holidays also helped to reinforce my strong beliefs concerning the importance of doing family history. The Library of Michigan continues to place a heavy emphasis on strengthening our family history collection and offering more opportunities for researchers to locate their long-lost ancestors. Take advantage of the various programs and services we have to offer. The Library of Michigan truly is the Michigan citizens' library.

Anyone who has spent much time actually doing family history research has been asked at one time or another, "Why is family history so important to you?" As my family gathered together during the holiday season, the question came up on several occasions. People want to understand why we spend so much time chasing down lost ancestors. They can't understand why we dedicate so much time wandering cemeteries, exploring dusty attics, battling cranky county clerks or why we've abandoned television in favor of Internet genealogy sites. The lack of my availability in October has turned into a family joke. "Don't make any plans with Dad in October. It's Family History Month..."

My answer to the "Why do it?" questions is usually two-fold. First, I firmly believe that to truly understand the history of our country and state you need to examine and explore the lives of the common, hard-working people that helped make this country great. The history of America is more than the study of famous, white men. Our ancestors helped do the heavy lifting that allowed us to win independence from Great Britain, build the Mackinac Bridge, settle a wilderness, develop cities and towns, open schools and churches, etc. In my opinion, the stories of people living their daily lives and enduring the various hardships they faced along the way best represents the true story of this country. Genealogy makes history come alive to thousands of people by making it seem more relevant. The variety of stories that outline the accomplishments and failures of our families best tell the story of how this country developed the way it did.

The second reason for doing family history research is simple. Family history research is a blast to do. I often feel people are missing out because they're not spending time tracking down lost relatives. It is true; genealogy is addictive. The more you do, the more you want to do. Genealogical research challenges the mind like few other hobbies and pastimes can. Time after time, just when you think you may never solve a particular problem, you hit pay dirt and all of the hard work and frustrations seem well worth the time and effort. Fortunately, the Library of Michigan staff gets to experience this phenomenon vicariously through the patrons that use our collections. Almost every day we hear a "whoop" from the stacks and know a long-lost ancestor has finally been located. It is hard not to share in the happiness when you can easily identify with struggles that go along with solving the trickiest family history quandaries. Working at the genealogy desk provides staff with the opportunity to work closely with the diverse group of people that make up the genealogy community in Michigan. Hopefully you appreciate our resources and assistance as much as we appreciate your continued support of our collections and programs. Our wish is that the Library of Michigan will continue to play a large role in making your family history research fun and rewarding during 2007.

Happy New Year and happy searching.

Randy Riley
Special Collections Manager



Peggy Sawyer Williams Receives the Library of Michigan's Genealogy Appreciation Award

On Oct. 14, the Library of Michigan recognized Peggy Sawyer Williams as the recipient of the 2006 Genealogy Appreciation Award during Family History Month. Ms. Williams has served as president of the Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society (1999-2006) and in many other capacities during her 26-year membership to the society. She is an advocate for genealogy across the state and has helped to get hundreds of people interested in their family history.

"Peggy is a special lady," said Randy Riley, special collections manager at the Library of Michigan. "She has a genuine interest in helping others and sees family history as a valuable tool in bringing people together and teaching them about their heritage."



Left to right: Randy Riley, Peggy Sawyer Williams and State Librarian Nancy Robertson

The Library of Michigan has been presenting the Genealogy Appreciation Award since 2001. Past recipients include Dr. Joseph Druse, Mrs. Barbara Brown, Mr. J. William Gorski, and Mrs. Ruth Lewis.

Learn More about Online Genealogical Research at March 31 Seminar

"Learning More at the Library of Michigan" – a free genealogy seminar set for Saturday, March 31 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. – will be devoted entirely to Internet research and online resources. The seminar will introduce researchers to the wealth of genealogical material available on the Internet, highlight a number of free Web sites and subscription databases, and emphasize specific genealogy resources available at the Library of Michigan.

Registration is available online, as well as by e-mail at librarian@michigan.gov or by phone at (517) 373-1300. Seating is limited, so registration is recommended. If you have any questions, please contact the Library of Michigan's Special Collection Services at (517) 373-1300.

Sessions include:

1-2 p.m.

Using the Library of Michigan Web Site

Find out more about the resources available on the Library of Michigan Web site and how you can use them at home to make the best use of your research time when visiting the library.

Online Research with U.S. Census Records

This program will show researchers how to make full use of the digitized census records and indexes on both Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest.

[2:15-3:15 p.m.](#)

Online Tools for Finding Cemetery Sources

Learn how to utilize the Michigan Cemetery Sources database to locate cemeteries, identify useful print transcriptions and locate online burial lists.

Vital Records Research on the Internet

More states and counties are putting indexes to birth, marriage and death records online. Find out what Web sites are available and pick up tips to improve your searches.

[3:30-4:30 p.m.](#)

Michigan Genealogy Research on the Internet

Examine the latest resources and research strategies for Michigan family history researchers interested in more effectively using the Internet.

Online Military Records Research

This program will explore both the wealth of military information available online and search strategies to maximize your research time.

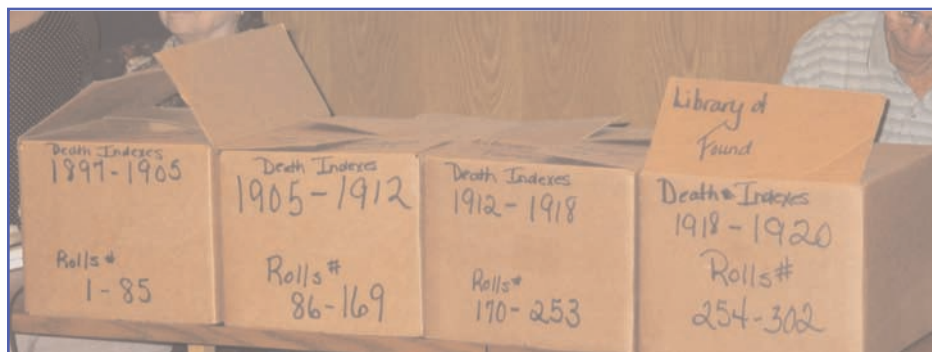
New Collection of Michigan Death Records Available

by Kris Rzepczynski, Michigan/Genealogy Coordinator

The Library of Michigan is pleased to announce that a new collection of Michigan death records, covering 1897 to 1920, is now available for research at the library. One of the most significant and high-profile additions to the Library of Michigan's genealogy collection in years, this set of Michigan death records came as the result of the successful collaboration of several groups, including Senator Tom George (R-Kalamazoo), the Michigan Genealogical Council, the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Library of Michigan and the Library of Michigan Foundation.

This set of statewide records supplements the Library of Michigan's existing vital records collection, which also includes Michigan deaths from 1867 to 1897, marriages from 1867 to 1925 and birth indexes from 1867 to 1915. With this addition, the library now has a complete run of Michigan deaths from 1867 to 1920. The records previously had been available only through a request to the Michigan Vital Records Office for a search fee of at least \$26, but now researchers can search them for free and get copies at the more affordable cost of 20 cents per photocopy at the Library of Michigan.

As many of us know, vital records are one of the fundamental resources used in genealogy research. Besides indicating exact dates of birth and death, these death records can also reveal parents' names and birthplaces, age, marital status and much more.



The newly acquired Michigan death records, 1897-1920.

After only a few months, these death records are already our most heavily used resource. This is a testament to the outstanding genealogical value of the records, their open accessibility here at the Library of Michigan and the overall popularity of vital records in family history research.

For those researchers familiar with the layout of the collection, the records can be found in the microfilm room, next to the other Michigan vital records and indexes. For additional information about these Michigan death records, please contact the Library of Michigan at (517) 373-1300 or by email at librarian@michigan.gov.



Looking at some of the vital records now available at the Library of Michigan are, from left to right, Library of Michigan Special Collections Manager Randy Riley, Cynthia Grostick of the Michigan Genealogical Council, Nick Bozen of HAL Regulatory Affairs, State Librarian Nancy Robertson, Joanne Harvey of the Michigan Genealogical Council, State Senator Tom George and State Registrar Glenn Copeland.

What's New at the Library of Michigan?

by Charles Hagler, Special Collections Librarian

Do you want to know what new Michigan and genealogy materials have been added to the Library of Michigan's collection? Access to ANSWER, our online catalog, is available at <http://answercat.org>. You can search the monthly new Michigan and Genealogy books by clicking on the "Check for New Books" button at the bottom of the ANSWER menu page.

Please note that many of our genealogical resources are part of the non-circulating collection and are only available for on-site use at the library. ANSWER does not provide access to periodical articles, microforms or CD-ROM and Internet databases, but does indicate the location and call number where the item can be found in the Library of Michigan.

Here are a few notable titles that have arrived since the last issue of *Michigan Genealogist*:

Family Maps of Putnam County, Indiana by Gregory A. Boyd.
Norman, OK: Arphax Publishing Co., 2005.

Genealogy F 532.P9 B69 2005

A series of plat maps of the first landowner of a county and township for several states including Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri and Wisconsin. They are similar to the Michigan series we purchased earlier.

Alphabetical Index to Petitions for Naturalization 1907-1966.
Salt Lake City, UT: Genealogical Society, 1990.

Microfilm F 118.I643 1990

An alphabetical index to the petitions for naturalization filed with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, 1907-1966.

Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Grand Haven, Manistee, Muskegon, and South Haven, Michigan, May 1948-December 1956 /compiled by Claire Prechtel-Kluskens.
Washington: DC, National Archives and Records Administration, 2006.

Microfilm F 565.C747 2006

One of several microfilms on crew lists for Great Lakes ports recently published by the National Archives that are now in our collection.

Michigan Death Certificates.

Lansing, MI: Michigan Dept. of Community Health, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, 196-.

Microfilm F 565.I53 1960z

See the article in this issue for further information.

Saint Patrick Parish.

Chattanooga, TN: Loan Mills.

Michigan BX 4603.A31 S3 2001

We have over a thousand of these Michigan church directories in our collection, covering all denominations. We just added over 200 additional directories to the collection, supplementing a donation made a decade earlier.

Ontario. Office of the Registrar General

Births and Stillbirths Registrations.

Toronto, ON: Archives of Ontario: distributed by Ontario Genealogical Society, 1992.

Microfilm F 1058.6.0572

The Province of Ontario, Canada in 1869 began registering births and deaths and improved their existing marriage registrations system. The Library of Michigan has purchased all the available vital records from the Archives of Ontario as they have become available. We have added to our collection the latest years that have been released – 1909 births, 1924 marriages and 1934 deaths.

Web Site Has New, Easy-to-Remember Address

by Gloriane Peck, Special Collections Librarian

You now may access the Library of Michigan's Genealogy Web page at www.michigan.gov/familyhistory. Here you'll find a wealth of resources, such as the latest genealogy news from the Library of Michigan; information about upcoming workshops; links to Web sites, including online vital records resources from around the United States; guides and forms for beginning your genealogy research; and a list of Michigan newspaper holdings at the library.

The Library of Michigan has several other Web resources you may access with an easy-to-remember URL:

- ANSWER Library Catalog (www.answercat.org): Get a head start by searching the library's holdings before your visit so you can better plan your research time.
- Ask a Librarian (www.michigan.gov/askalibrarian): Contact the library for assistance with reference questions. While staff members cannot perform extensive research, librarians can point you to helpful resources.
- Library of Michigan (www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan): Check out the library's homepage for information on events, holiday closings and other library services outside of the genealogy collection.
- Michigan 1870 Census (www.michigan.gov/1870census): Search and print images from the 1870 census.
- Michigan Cemetery Sources (www.michigan.gov/cemeteries): Find location information for Michigan cemeteries. Learn which cemetery transcription books are held at the Library of Michigan and link to Web sites with transcriptions where available.



New Military Sources

The Archives of Michigan has redesigned its home page! The page is now easier to navigate, with all genealogy links appearing in a single pull-down menu. Visit www.michigan.gov/archivesofmi to see the new look.

Two genealogy indexes have been added to the Archives' Military Sources Web page. Online researchers may now access the indexes to the World War I register of the Michigan soldiers' and sailors' canteen in New York City and the World War II Michigan honor roll of missing and dead. Genealogists are encouraged to visit the Archives home page (www.michigan.gov/archivesofmi) and select "Military Sources Page" from the genealogy menu.

Thanks to financial support from the Abrams Foundation, the Archives has completed an extensive cataloging project. The Library of Michigan's ANSWER library catalog now includes searchable descriptions of all local records housed at the Archives of Michigan. The Archives would like to thank the Abrams Foundation for making this possible.



Looking Back at Family History Month 2006

Throughout October 2006, the Library of Michigan celebrated Family History Month by offering a variety of genealogy programs. These included sessions on beginning genealogy research, military records and vital records, and the Michigan Genealogical Council conference. We were delighted with both the overall attendance during the month and the number of new faces we saw.

Family History Month represents a unique opportunity to introduce new researchers to the joys of family history, or perhaps inspire veteran genealogists to pick up their research again. More importantly, it also gives the Library of Michigan the chance to thank the genealogical community for its continued support throughout the past year.

Plans are already underway for Family History Month in October 2007, as well as upcoming seminars in March and July. Watch for more information as we plan another exciting year of library programming for you!

Family History Month Presentations, Handouts Available Online

The Library of Michigan now offers its genealogy workshop slides and handouts on its genealogy Web site, www.michigan.gov/familyhistory. If you weren't able to attend all the Family History Month programs in October – or if you want a refresher on topics including beginning genealogy, Civil War research, ships passenger lists and Internet research – please take a look at these materials.

The slides and handouts are available as PDF files. To access these handouts, go to www.michigan.gov/familyhistory and click on the link to genealogy workshops in the left rail. Watch for materials from future presentations on this site as well.

Your Link to Burial Lists and Cemetery Readings: the Michigan Cemetery Sources Database

by Kendel Darragh, Special Collections Librarian

The Michigan Cemetery Sources Database (www.michigan.gov/cemeteries) began as the book, *Michigan Cemetery Sources*, which was originally intended to list titles of all the cemetery readings held at the Library of Michigan and make it easier for researchers to find the readings they needed. Since that time, the book has gone out of print, and the number of cemetery readings has continued to expand quickly. Because updating a book is slow and costly, the Library of Michigan staff decided a number of years ago to transform the *Michigan Cemetery Sources* book into a database that is free to users, widely available and easy to update.

Now researchers can quickly and easily consult the Michigan Cemetery Sources Database at any computer with an Internet connection. Additionally, Library of Michigan staff members are regularly seeking new online burial lists and adding these links to the database, making research more convenient than ever.

During the fall and winter, online burial lists have been added to the Michigan Cemetery Sources Database for the following Michigan counties, increasing the resources available: Alcona: 2 online burial lists; Clinton: 43; Eaton: 33; Gratiot: 13; Ingham: 17; St. Clair: 390; and Wayne: 55. The staff at the Library of Michigan hopes that researchers use the database often, and find it helpful.

Find Your Dutch Ancestors Online

by Karen White, Reference/Circulation Librarian

Searching for ancestors in the Netherlands during the 19th century? You can find an amazing quantity of credible information online. All municipalities in the Netherlands were required to keep birth, marriage and death records beginning in 1811. These records make up what is called the Civil Register, and a number of different entities have placed these vital records online, continuing to add to those databases on an ongoing basis.

Some of the sites provide an English language version, while others do not. But even if the records are all in Dutch, often it is possible to make sense of them by knowing only a few words of Dutch because they follow a consistent pattern. Also, some of the words are very similar to English, making things much easier. For example, it's pretty easy to see you are looking at a marriage record when you see the words "bruid" and "bruidgroom." For help interpreting the Dutch words in genealogy records, try this Web site: <http://www.van-kampen.org/roots/dict.htm>.

Here is just a sampling of some of the online databases you may find valuable in your Dutch genealogy research:

City of Delft, Municipal Records Office

<http://delft.digitalestamboom.nl/> (Click on the British flag in the upper right to see the English language version.)

Frisian Historical and Literary Centre

http://www.tresoar.nl/mmtresoar/index_en.jsp (Click the Genealogy link in the left-hand column.)

Genlias

<http://www.genlias.nl/en/page0.jsp>

Genlias is a joint initiative by a number of public archives in the Netherlands. You can use it to find information recorded in official Dutch civil registers.

Rotterdam Municipal Archives

<http://www.gemeentearchief.rotterdam.nl/> (Click the Genealogy link near the top of the page.)

Zeeland Archives

<http://www.zeeuwsarchief.nl/summary.htm> (Click on "ISIS" in the left-hand column.)

Michigan Manual a Helpful Tool for Genealogy Research

by Gloriane Peck, Special Collections Librarian

Widely known as a guidebook for the Michigan Legislature, the *Michigan Manual* also holds a wealth of genealogical treasures.

Since 1836, various versions of the *Michigan Manual* have provided Michigan residents with the information they need about the state constitution, election results and locating their legislators. Sometimes called the Red Book, the *Manual* is published biennially, corresponding with the terms of the Michigan Legislature. Because the *Manual* covers such a wide range of publication years, the type of information it contains varies over time.

For genealogists researching Michigan ancestors, past editions of the *Michigan Manual* may offer useful information such as:

- Titles of Michigan newspapers published in each county.
- Biographies of state lawmakers and Michigan's congressional delegation, and lists of former Michigan lawmakers and current lawmakers nationwide.
- Former governors and terms served.
- Post offices by location.
- Population by county.
- County seats and county officers.
- Michigan railroad and steamboat routes.
- Descriptions of state organizations, boards and associations, as well as leaders of those groups.
- Educational institutions, including names of faculty members and trustees.
- Michigan National Guard regiments and leaders.
- Judges and officers by court.
- Lists of asylums and prisons.

Many of the *Manuals* feature a name index and a general index. Additionally, researchers may be interested in *Biography Index to the Michigan Manuals, 1923-1973*, compiled by Darlene E. Waterstreet. Copies of this index are available at both the Library of Michigan's reference and genealogy desks and in its Michigan Collection on 2 North, with the call number JK5830 .A32 Index, 1923-73.

A title search of the Library of Michigan's online catalog, ANSWER (www.answercat.org), for *Michigan Manual* will show the many different titles used for the publication over the years. While the oldest editions are housed in the library's Rare Book Room, you will find the *Michigan Manual* from 1869-70 to the present in the Michigan Documents Collection on 2 South, with the call number JK5830.A32. Editions back to 1999-2000 are also available online at <http://legislature.michigan.gov>. Please ask a librarian for assistance should you need help locating or using the *Michigan Manual*.

Is the Library of Michigan Foundation in Your Will?

For many people, planned giving is the easiest and most effective way to help a cause they believe in. Instead of making a cash gift now, individuals plan for a gift that will be realized by the Library of Michigan Foundation at a later date.

Why would I choose a planned gift?

People who choose to make planned gifts want to support a specific Library of Michigan program or collection in a significant and lasting way.

Are there other good reasons for making a planned gift?

Yes, indeed! Here are several excellent reasons to consider a planned gift:

- Planned giving allows donors to make a larger gift than what might be possible during their lifetime.
- Donors can receive significant tax benefits in the year they make the gift.
- They can decrease the tax liability on their estate upon their death.
- They can receive a stream of income for the remainder of their lives.
- They can provide a stream of income for loved ones over a long period of time.

Who makes planned gifts?

It is those who wish to share the blessings they have accumulated over the years. They care about the Library of Michigan and they desire to leave a legacy to ensure the future growth and preservation of their favorite collection or program.

How can my planned gift help the Library of Michigan's genealogical collection?

Thanks to gifts from the Abrams Foundation and other generous donors, the Library of Michigan has become one of the nation's premier genealogical institutions. Gifts are used to expand the general collection and acquire special materials; purchase and maintain equipment; adapt emerging technology; and provide meetings, speakers and educational materials.

What about naming opportunities?

Yes! Special naming opportunities are available within the Library of Michigan genealogy collection.

Who do I contact for questions?

You may contact Foundation Executive Director Judith Moore at (517) 373-4470.

Michigan Historical Museum Exhibits Focus on America at Work

A new photographic exhibit capturing the essence of work in America – from New York to California, from the assembly line to the mine – opens at the Michigan Historical Museum on Feb. 1. *Working America: Photographs from the Ewing Galloway Agency, 1910-1950*, presented in conjunction with Kresge Art Museum as part of a two-venue exhibition looking at work and workers, features more than 50 photographs depicting the culture of work in rural and urban settings during the first half of the 20th century. The exhibit runs through June 17.

Drawn from Kresge's extensive collection of photographs from the Ewing Galloway photographic agency, these images were reproduced in *Life* magazine and other publications. The exhibit also will feature related artifacts from the Michigan Historical Museum collection.

"These photos provide a glimpse inside the American workplace of our parents' and grandparents' generation – telling the story of workers on the assembly line in diverse industries, dockside, in mines, offices, labs, shops and many other places," said Phillip C. Kwiatkowski, director of the Michigan Historical Museum System. "We're also asking Michigan's young people to share their ideas about what work means to them through a special youth photo exhibit."

Michigan youth ages 10-18 are invited to submit a photograph and essay illustrating their definition of work for an exhibit called "What is Work?" Selected entries will be displayed in the rotunda of the Michigan Library and Historical Center April 23 through May 4. Entries must be postmarked or delivered by March 15. For rules and an application form, visit www.michigan.gov/museum.

The Michigan Historical Museum is located inside the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo St., two blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing. The main entrance and visitor parking are located north of Kalamazoo Street, just east of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission and weekend parking are free. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559, TDD (517) 373-1592.

This exhibition is part of a year-long project of the Greater Lansing Museum Collaborative to feature exhibitions and programs about work and workers' culture.

These include:

The Workers' Landscape: American Images, 1900-1950

Through March 18, 2007 at Kresge Art Museum on the campus of Michigan State University

(www.artmuseum.msu.edu)

Featuring paintings, prints, drawing and photographs by artists including Berenice Abbott, George Wesley Bellows, Thomas Hart Benton, and Dorothea Lange.

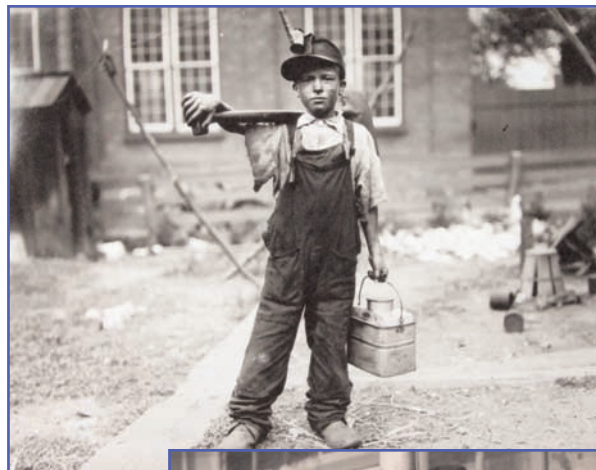
Workers Culture in Two Nations: South Africa and the United States

Through August 2007 at the MSU Museum on the campus of Michigan State University

(www.museum.msu.edu)

Featuring photos, objects, poetry, art and crafts by workers and their communities, which express contemporary themes of work.

"Working America" is made possible in part by a grant to Kresge Art Museum from the Arts Council of Greater Lansing/Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.



Photos from the Michigan Historical Museum's new exhibit, Working America: Photographs from the Ewing Galloway Agency, 1910-1950

New Cabinets for the Newspapers on Microfilm Collection

by Leelyn Johnson, Reference/Federal Documents Coordinator

The Library of Michigan received a shipment of 20 microfilm cabinets, which will allow us to house all of the microfilmed newspapers in the room on second floor north. Staff members currently are in the process of moving the microfilm from the shelves to the cabinets as well as shifting those already in the cabinets. We hope to have this project finished soon.

After the shelves are removed, current newspapers will be moved from the third floor into the space on the second floor. With both the paper and microfilmed newspapers together, patrons should find them much easier to locate and use.

Unexpected Pennsylvania Ancestors: Connecticut Colonist's Claim and Settlement in Pennsylvania

by Edwina Morgan, Special Collections Librarian

One day I was looking through a resource from the Westmoreland County, Pa., section of the Abrams Historical Collection, when I came upon a petition from settlers dated from the mid-1700s. Being concerned with the southwest corner of the colony of Pennsylvania, I was at first delighted with this find until I read further. The petition was addressed to the governor of Connecticut colony or his majesty the king. I was perplexed and worried. What if the mass of people in the southwest corner of Pennsylvania prior to 1770 were really from Connecticut as opposed to eastern Virginia and Pennsylvania? That would mean a complete change in research methods.

Happily, there had been just a small mistake. The petitioners were concerned with Westmoreland County, Conn., which was in the colony of Pennsylvania in an area now known as Luzerne County, as opposed to Pennsylvania's very own Westmoreland County. What happened is that Connecticut colonists laid claim to a large section of Pennsylvania, plotted it out, and even made it a county attached to Connecticut – Westmoreland County, Conn.

The situation came about as Connecticut settlers felt like they were running out of space in their own colony. In response, the Susquehanna Company was organized in 1753-54 for the sole purpose of assisting Connecticut colonists in settling on the upper Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania. The settlers felt they had a claim to the area, as their original charter extended between the 41st and 42nd parallels to the Pacific. Pennsylvania's charter ran to the 43rd parallel, yet Pennsylvanians had yet to settle the mass of the contested lands, which were inhabited by Delaware Indians. Further, the Pennsylvania charter dated from 1681, while Charles II granted Connecticut's charter in 1662.

In May of 1755, a committee of the Susquehanna Company petitioned the Connecticut Assembly to allow it to appeal to the crown for permission to establish a new colony or plantation within the contested area. This permission was granted, and the movements commenced slowly. The French and Indian War delayed significant settlement, with earnest homesteading starting in 1757.

What ensued was a series of wars between the Connecticut settlers and the Pennsylvania government, popularly called the Pennamite Wars. Some scholars claim that there were two distinct Pennamite Wars, the first occurring between 1769 and 1771 and the second in 1784 just after the American Revolution. Weather a series of skirmishes or two distinct wars, at times the fighting was significant, with the Connecticut settlers being displaced on several occasions only to return when possible. Given the nature of western Pennsylvania at this time, there would have been little to prevent families from moving west or south out of the way of fighting, but most researchers believe that for the most part the settlers retreated back to Connecticut.

Because these settlements initially involved companies of stockholders as opposed to colonies or counties, finding individual records of early petitioners and stockholders requires different materials than some colonial genealogy. Donna Bingham Munger's article, *Following Connecticut Ancestors To Pennsylvania: Susquehanna Company Settlers* (New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol, 139, pps.112-125) tracts the potential sources for finding names and information on the individual stockholders.

For further reading, you might try the following, all of which can be found in the Abrams Historical Collection at the Library of Michigan:

Hollister, Horace, *History of the Lackawanna Valley*. Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1885.
Genealogy F 157 .L17 H8

Judson, Stark S., *The Wyoming Valley; Probate Records, Liber A. from January 6, 1777 to June 16, 1783. Copied Verbatim et Literatim by S. Judson Stark of West Pittston, Pa., from the Original Record Book of the Old Westmoreland Probate District; to Which the Compiler Has Added a Complete Alphabetical Index Containing All the Names Mentioned Therein*. Wilkes Barre, Pa: Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, 1923.
Genealogy F 102 .L52 S753 1923

McCracken, George E., *The Connecticut Pennsylvanians*, *The American Genealogist*, Vol. 55, 1979, p. 81.
Genealogy Periodicals

Miner, Charles, *History of Wyoming in a Series of Letters from Charles Miner to His Son William Penn Miner*. Philadelphia: J. Crissy, 1845.
Genealogy F 157 .W9 M6 1845

Morgan Forrest, ed. *Connecticut As a Colony and As a State, Or One Of the Original Thirteen*. Hartford, CT: The Publishing Society of Connecticut, 1904.
Genealogy F 94 .M84
See Volume 1, chapter 25, *Connecticut's Settlements in Pennsylvania*, and Volume 2, chapter 8, *Warfare On Connecticut Soil*.

Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, *Proceedings and Collections of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society*, 17 vols. Wilkes-Barre, PA: The Society, 1858-1884.
Genealogy F 157 .W9 W962
See, for coverage between 1776-1780, Horace Hayden article, *List of Taxable Inhabitants*, 1898-1899, pages 205-242

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Driving Directions: www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160—55205,00.html

Parking: www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19274_20001—,00.html

Research:

Due to the length of time needed to conduct genealogical research, the staff of the Library of Michigan and Archives of Michigan is unable provide extensive research services. Check the Library of Michigan and Archives of Michigan Web pages at www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan and www.michigan.gov/archivesofmi for more information on policies and procedures regarding genealogical research.

Ask A Librarian:

Genealogy queries can be sent to the Library of Michigan at librarian@michigan.gov. While staff members cannot do extensive research, they can point you in the right direction and assist you in determining if the library's collection contains the information you seek. If necessary, the library's staff will refer you to a researcher or local genealogical society that will conduct research for a fee. Questions relating to the Archives of Michigan should be sent to archives@michigan.gov.